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Oranjestad Grand Children's Parade: Costumes and cuteness, Oh My!



most elaborate in a decade. Participating groups and their themes included Don Flip with "Carnival Fiestas," TOB with "Goodnight and Sweet Dreams," Baby Champagne and "The Magical World of Disney," Little

Groovers and "Groovy Celebration," Jolly/Whiz Kids, who followed through on this year's Diamond Jubilee theme with "Shine Bright Like a Diamond," and Deja Kids with "Celebration." The group from Centro di Barrio Noord brought up the rear with several different themes and diverse costuming.

At the lead were Aruba's Carnival Royalty, the Prins and Panchos of all ages, and the



reigning Children's Queen, the petite pixie Sheqayli Ascension, resplendent in her gown and mounted on a stunning float.

We could wax on about how charming and adorable were all the youngsters as they danced through the streets, but we will let the pictures tell the story!

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Split in Maduro's ranks amid Venezuela turmoil

CARACAS (AFP) - A Venezuelan ruling party governor called for the release of all jailed protesters yesterday in a rare public split within President Nicolas Maduro's ranks after nearly three weeks of deadly anti-government demonstrations.

Jose Gregorio Vielma Mora, the governor of the western state of Tachira where the student-led protests began February 4, also criticized the use of the military in response to the protests, calling it "a grave error" and an "unacceptable excess."

The development came as Maduro was preparing to meet with the nation's governors and his call Sunday for a national dialogue.

At least 14 people have been killed and 140 others injured in the protests, which have posed the greatest challenge to Maduro's government since he was narrowly elected president last year to succeed the late leftist icon Hugo Chavez. Forty-five people remain under arrest.

Attorney General Luisa Ortega said 13 people had lost their lives as of Sunday, and on Monday a protester was killed falling from a roof as he tried to take cover from tear gas.

Vielma's criticism carried weight because, besides being a governor, he is a former military officer who took part in an abortive coup led by Chavez in

1992.

"All those who are in jail for political reasons, send them home," Vielma said. "Including Simonovis, including Leopoldo Lopez."

Lopez is a prominent opposition leader who was jailed last week after the protests turned violent.

The charismatic 42-year-old has been charged with instigating violence, property damage and criminal association after the shooting deaths of three people following an opposition protest earlier this month.

Ivan Simonovis is a police official who has been imprisoned for more than seven years accused of taking part in a short-lived 2002 coup against Chavez.

Maduro ordered a battalion of paratroopers last week to San Cristobal, the capital of Tachira, and had said he might suspend constitutional guarantees in the restive state.

Vielma said that would be counterproductive and unnecessary.

Maduro over the weekend called for "a national peace conference" to be held tomorrow "with all social, political, union and religious groups."

The leftist leader also said he would ask the National Assembly to form a Truth Commission to look into the protests, which he claims are an attempt to "justify foreign intervention in Venezuela."

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BARCADERA-- The Aruba Stevedoring Company (ASTEC N.V.) is playing a vital role in the management of the government's move of the container wharf to Barcadera. Aruba Ports Authority (APA N.V.) is the authority at the wharf, but ASTEC is the cargo operator, the investor in charge of the construction of the infrastructure on the Barcadera territory. The entire project is being guided by director Mike D'Lisle.

D'Lisle received Prime

Minister Eman and Minister of Economic, Energy, Communication and Environmental Affairs, de Meza at the wharf last week for an update of the last developments of the moving project. He provided the Ministers with an explanation of the preparations being undertaken for the move. They are in the final phase of the designs of the building and other infrastructure and equipment necessary to function at the new location. Everything points to the be-

ginning of the construction phase by the month of April.

According to D'Lisle, they are following the vision of Aruba and a part of what they are doing is to become as green as possible with the project. "We have even come up with a solar panel project." The intention is to place as many solar panels as possible on the roof of the new buildings to be constructed at Barcadera. The objective is to reach 150 to 200 kilowatt hours.

One important aspect of the government's plan is to create one container wharf at Barcadera. This will entail the integration of work that is currently being done at two areas. This means that there must be excellent coordination for the best use of the services during the entire week. The modern wharf that Aruba will be getting will be able to create different new opportunities for commerce on Aruba.

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Aruban and Dutch Policemen are on equal level



ORANJESTAD -- Just recently the Aruban police bid goodbye to a Dutch police officer, who came to Aruba to lend us technical assistance. The task of forensic expert, Pieter Voorderhaak, during a two-year period, was the training of a forensic coordinator for the Police Force. This project is in the context of a structure being implemented by the Public Prosecutor and the Police Force for when there are big investigations.

According to Voorderhaak, the goal was to train one person, but at the end of the day they succeeded in training three persons as forensic coordinators, with a fourth person also developing his knowledge in the field. According to the Dutch expert, he is convinced that the quality of the Aruban Police Force is of a high caliber, equal to that of Holland. He said, he could take the majority of the Aruban policemen with him to Holland and they would be able to work and function without any problem in Holland.

Likewise, his Aruban counterparts have also spo-

ken with great appreciation and respect for Voorderhaak.

Voorderhaak indicated that forensic investigation is becoming more important every day in Police work; hence they must take a firm position with respect to this field of work.

Pieter Voorderhaak has indicated that he will remain in contact with the Aruba Police Force. Among others, they will meet again when his Aruban counterpart goes to Holland to do an internship, and he intends to return to Aruba for a working visit.





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D'Lisle explained that the number of containers will also increase due to the fact that they will create new ways to store these. It will allow for greater container volume as well as an expansion of the space.

After finalizing the designs

in April, the ASTEC contractors will begin their part of the construction, which will last about 18 months. During this period they will also install a new crane, which is part of the project.

Hopefully, by the start of 2016 the project should be

completed and the Barcadera wharf should be operational. Unquestionably, this new wharf will be a model, together with its new team and equipment, installation of solar panels, the most modern in our region, according to D'Lisle.

Special sessions for future mothers planned for 2014

ORANJESTAD -- For quite some time now the Aruba Hospital has been offering information sessions for future mothers. These sessions are under the auspices of the Maternity department of the Hospital. These sessions are being offered free of charge and are usually held in the Conference Room of the Hospital.

During this month of February sessions will be held on the 26th and 28th. The inten-

tion is to provide awareness and information to future parents regarding giving birth and breast feeding. They will also provide a tour of the departments regarding childbirth.

In the sessions they will focus on both normal births and births with complications that can occur. They will provide information regarding the Delivery Room. On the second day of the sessions, they will give information about the

Maternity Department and breastfeeding. Every month they have an invited guest to provide valuable information to future mothers.

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Honorary Consul of Finland is welcomed by Aruba Prime Minister



an encounter with the Consular Corps of Aruba, the Prime Minister of Aruba gave a presentation to the elite group. Mrs. Mensing thanked the Prime Minister for accepting her credentials.

In a diplomatic fashion the Prime Minister was presented a book about Finland.

Mensing said that the book was for... you (Prime Minister) to discover the beauty of Finland.

ORANJESTAD -- The government of Aruba has accepted the credentials of Helga Mensing stationed in Willemstad, Curacao. She has become the honorary consul of Finland.

Last Wednesday during

Mensing assured all that there are already a number of Fins coming to discover the beauty of Aruba. She wished the government of Aruba much success in the development of Aruba.

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Aruba's 60th Carnival

Aruba's first Multicultural Queen, Christina Marie Solijon is crowned



ORANJESTAD -- Since the 2014 Carnival is Aruba's 60th anniversary of this distinctive cultural manifestation, the Stichting Arubaanse Carnaval, (Aruba Carnival Foundation) -SAC, which organizes and administers over the many carnival events, wished to add one to the calendar that depicts the island's cultural diversity and harmony.

During Aruba's Diamond Jubilee Grand Queen pageant on Friday, February 21, the island witnessed the crowning of Aruba's first Multicultural Queen, Christina Marie Solijon, from the Philippines.

The first Multicultural Queen Pageant was initially scheduled for yesterday evening, February 24. It was intended to allow all the various nationalities and ethnicities living on Aruba to showcase their beautiful and talented people.

Unfortunately, as with many things in life, it is often slow going when making a drastic change, and initial reaction was limited, but sufficient to continue planning the event. However, the expense and time required to prepare costumes, gowns and a show also proved prohibitive for those interested in participating.

Christina Marie Solijon, however, though born in the Philippines and living in Aruba for only eight months, is a "true Carnivalista at heart," de-



clared Honorary Philippine Consul to Aruba Ami Henriquez-Mendez. "Ever since her uncle, the consulate's Cultural Officer Paul de la Cruz, showed her pictures of Aruba's Carnival while she still loved back in the Philippines, she was taken with the concept and enthusiastically wanted to participate."

Christina, who works at the Dr. Horacio E. Oduber Hospital, once coming to live on Aruba was eager to participate in all the carnival events she could, and joined a group for the Torch Parade, which opens the season.

She was thrilled to be the Filipino candidate for what was supposed to be a full-blown pageant and coronation, but when all others contenders withdrew. Undeterred, she was happy to take the crown and perform her show during the final queen selection.

Aruba's first Multicultural

Carnival Queen is a stunning young lady with determination and charisma, worthy of the crown. She will be among the island queens adorning some of the beautiful floats that will make their way through Oranjestad's streets this coming Sunday for the final grand parade, the last of this Diamond Jubilee Carnival.

"We sincerely hope to see this event become a regular part of the Aruba carnival calendar," commented Filipino Consul Henriquez-Mendez. "We are very proud of Christina; she is a rare find with great beauty and heart, while fully embracing her adopted Aruban homeland and its culture." Christina and the Consul expressed particular gratitude to her steadfast Aruban friends who came forward to help her prepare and participate in these events, providing her with a warm welcome to the island community.



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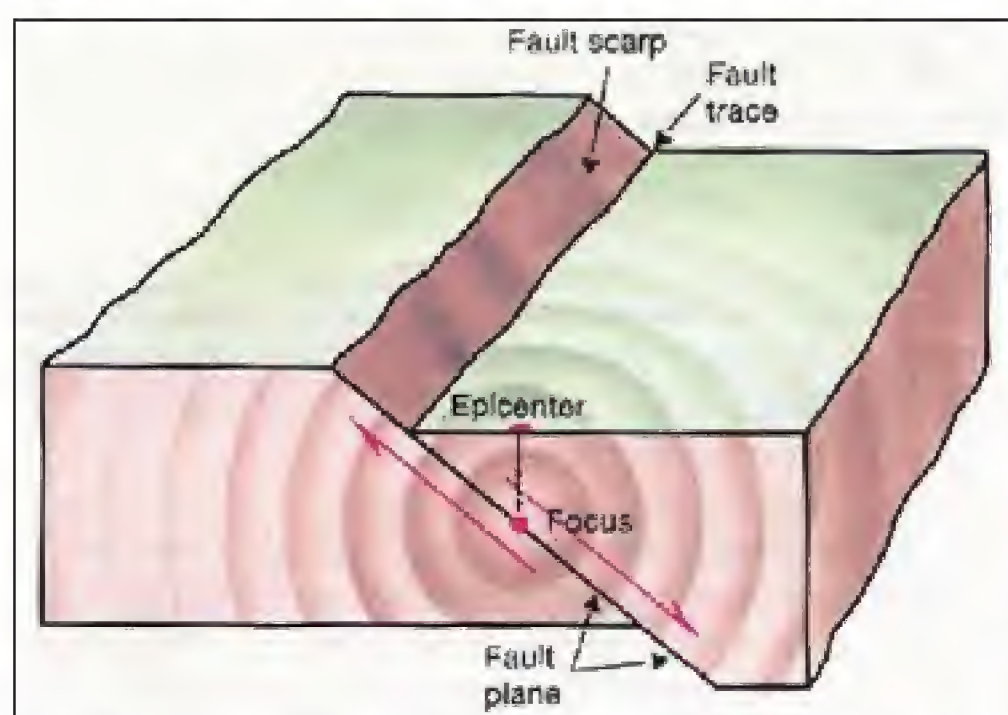
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Recent Caribbean earthquakes spark concern



BARBADOS -- Two earthquakes greater than 5.0 have rocked the Caribbean in the last week and concerns have been growing for a major tremor in the region.

On Tuesday, Feb. 18, a strong 6.5-magnitude quake occurred about 100 miles north-northeast of Bridgetown, Barbados. According to Dr. Joan Latchman, the Director of the Seismic Research Unit of the University of the West Indies, it was the strongest tremor since 1980 in the area.

Three days later, on Feb. 21, a 5.1-magnitude seismic event occurred near Aruba. While both of these quakes did not cause much damage, they are a reminder that the Caribbean remains a very active seismic zone, prone to earthquakes at anytime.

Earthquakes are common in the Caribbean, but most are less than 3.0 on the Richter Scale. The two recent, stronger rumbles have rekindled memories of highly destructive earthquakes over the past few hundred years.

The Caribbean has a long history of destructive tremors.

One of the most infamous occurred in 1692 when a 7.5-magnitude quake dismantled

the city of Port Royal, Jamaica. Much of the city was submerged under water, and thousands of people lost their lives.

The Caribbean Plate is sandwiched between numerous tectonic plates including the North American and South American. It is the North American that helps form the Puerto Rico Trench, with depths over 28,000 feet, north of the U.S. territory. This zone of subduction, where one tectonic plate slowly slide below another, is a concern to many geophysicists.

While destructive quakes, such as the highly destructive Haiti tremor of 2010, have occurred recently, there has not been a major earthquake associated with the Puerto Rico Trench in over 300 years. The last event was a 8.1 tremor in 1787.

With an influx of people to many islands of the Caribbean over the last few decades, much more infrastructure exists across the islands than was around throughout much of the 20th century. A major tremor and potential accompanying tsunami could cause utter destruction to populated areas and create serious economic hardship.

MFA's are not just buildings, but part of a vision, says PM Eman



ORANJESTAD -- The staff of all the government auxiliary offices came together last Thursday afternoon to attend a session of training and preparation.

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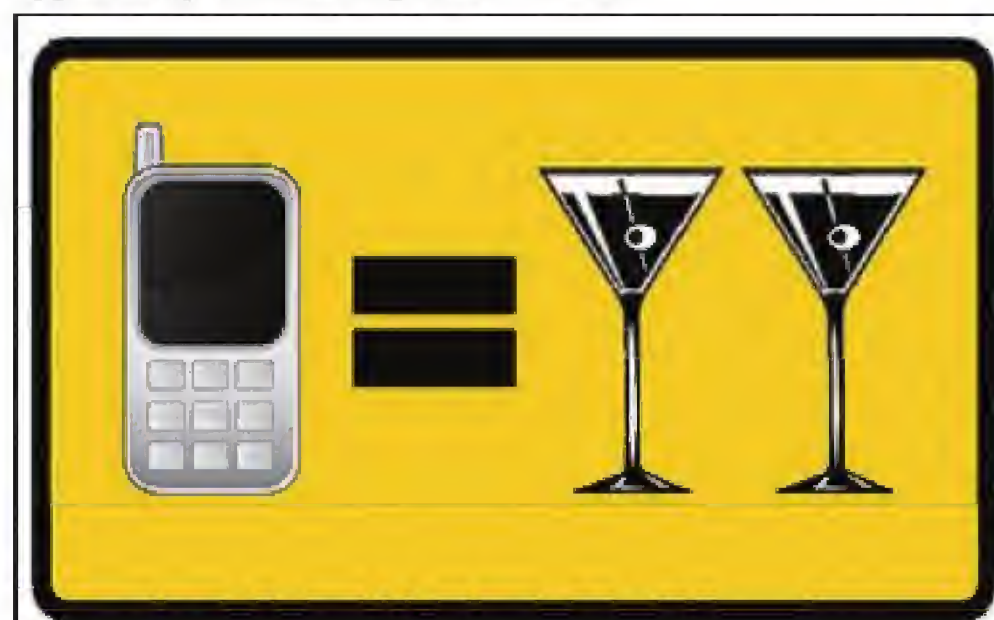
The encounter with these staff members took place in the National Library in Oranjestad. They received a presentation from MFA director, Anky Vrolijk as well as from the director of the Bureau of Community Development, Ruth Tromp-Schoop. They also had the honor of a presentation from the Prime Minister.

According to the Prime

Minister, "the government cannot write a law to make everyone happy, but we can provide facilities to facilitate that. The idea of the new auxiliary facilities is intended to do this. The atmosphere we want to create is to make people feel satisfied with the service they are receiving. They should also have the opportunity to come together

in fellowship".

The Prime Minister indicated that the MFA are not just buildings, they are part of a vision. The government's vision is to create opportunities for the family, the barrio, friendship and citizen comradeship, and for people to get together and enjoy interchange and fellowship as citizens.





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Pentagon proposes to shrink US Army to pre-WWII level

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Pentagon plans to scale back the US Army by more than an eighth to its lowest level since before World War II, as it hopes for an end to 13 years of war in Afghanistan. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel recommended shrinking US forces from 520,000 active duty troops to between 440,000 and 450,000.

In a speech outlining the proposed defense budget yesterday, he said that after Iraq and Afghanistan, military leaders no longer plan to "conduct long and large stability operations."

If approved by Congress, the move would reduce the army to its lowest levels since 1940, before the American military dramatically expanded after entering World War II.

The proposed 13 percent reduction in the army would be carried out by 2017, a senior defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said.

The move comes amid growing fiscal pressures and after years of protracted counter-insurgency campaigns, which saw the Army reach a peak of more than 566,000 troops in 2010.

US troops have already withdrawn from Iraq and President Barack Obama has promised to end America's combat role in Afghanistan by the end of this year.

The Pentagon had previously planned to downsize the ground force to about 490,000.

But Hagel warned that to adapt to future threats "the Army must accelerate the pace and increase the scale of its post-war drawdown." He said the changes "would result in a smaller army, but would help ensure the army remains well-trained and clearly superior in arms and equipment."

Hagel also said the army national guard and reserves would be cut by five percent.

The smaller force would entail some "added risk" but it would still be able to defeat an adversary in one region while also "supporting" air and naval operations in another, he said.

His comments confirmed the Pentagon has abandoned the idea of ensuring the army could fight two major wars at the same time.

The proposed budget also calls for scrapping the Air Force's entire fleet of A-10 "Warthog" aircraft and retiring the storied U-2 spy plane. Instead, commanders have opted to invest more in the new F-35 fighter and the unmanned Global Hawk surveillance drone.

Hagel also called for slowing growth in pay and benefits, which make up nearly half the Pentagon's budget.

Under a bipartisan accord adopted in December, the Defense Department will have a \$496 billion budget for fiscal year 2015.

The Ukraine seeks fugitive leader over 'mass murder'

KIEV (AFP) - The Ukraine issued an arrest warrant yesterday for its ousted pro-Russian president over "mass murder" and appealed for \$35 billion in Western aid as Moscow denounced Kiev's new reformist team as illegitimate.

The dramatic announcements by the ex-Soviet nation's untested but enthusiastic Western-leaning ministers -- approved by parliament over a chaotic weekend that saw president Viktor Yanukovich go into hiding -- came as the EU's top diplomat arrived in Kiev to buttress the Ukraine's sudden tilt away from Russia.

Three months of relentless protests over Yanukovich's shock decision to spurn an historic pact with the European Union in favour of closer ties with Ukraine's old masters in the Kremlin culminated in days of carnage last week in Kiev that claimed almost 100 lives.

Russia reacted with outrage to the "mutiny" in a country with centuries-old roots to Moscow, and which President Vladimir Putin views as an integral part of an economic -- and possibly even military -- alliance to counterweight the EU and NATO blocs.

But Western powers have been cautiously throwing their weight behind the overthrow of a democratically elected leader by parliamentary action

whose constitutional legitimacy remains open to debate.

Ukraine's new leaders hit the ground running yesterday by holding Yanukovich and about 50 other senior state and security officials responsible for the protesters' deaths.

"A criminal case has been launched over the mass murder of peaceful civilians. Yanukovich and a number of other officials have been put on a wanted list," acting interior minister Arsen Avakov said in a statement.

Avakov said Yanukovich had tried to flee the country Saturday out of the eastern city of Donetsk -- his political power base and bastion of pro-Russian support -- before escaping to Crimea with a team of guards and a cache of weapons the next day.

He said the deposed head of state and his powerful administration chief Andriy Klyuev had since "travelled by three cars into an unknown direction, having first switched off their modes of communication".

The Ukraine has been reeling from both political and financial crises that have seen the nation of 46 million face the threat of splintering between its pro-Western and more Russified regions and having to declare a devastating default.

Obama approves Vietnam nuclear deal

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama yesterday approved a civilian nuclear pact with Vietnam which could lead to the sale of US reactors to Washington's energy-hungry former war foe.

The move by the president formally opened a 90-day review process in Congress. If no legislation is passed contravening the accord, it will then come into force.

Under the accord, US officials said, Vietnam committed not to produce radioactive ingredients for nuclear weapons and signed up to US nonproliferation standards, which the White House bills as the strongest in the world.

"I have determined that the performance of the agreement will promote, and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to, the common defense and security," Obama said in a memorandum to the Energy Department.

Vietnam agreed not to enrich or reprocess uranium, key

steps in the manufacture of nuclear weapons, in the deal signed on the sidelines of an East Asia summit in Brunei in October.

It also pledged to seek components for its fuel cycle on the open, international market.

Vietnam's market for nuclear power -- already the second largest in East Asia after China -- is expected to grow to \$50 billion by 2030.

Vietnam faces energy shortages and is pursuing nuclear energy, officials have said, with a plan that calls for the first nuclear power plant to be in commercial operation by 2020.

It wants nuclear energy to provide more than 10 percent of its total power generation needs by 2030.

Despite Hanoi's determination to pursue nuclear power, there has been domestic opposition with many voicing fears that the locations selected for the plants make them vulnerable to earthquakes or tsunamis.

Ecuador's president suffers 'painful' election setback



QUITO (AFP) - Leftist Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa acknowledged a "painful" setback in mayoral elections as early results Monday showed the opposition decisively winning races in the capital Quito and other major cities.

Seen as an important test of popularity for Correa, a populist in the mold of the late Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, Sunday's polls delivered big victories to center-right candidates, according to early results and exit polls.

"It's good we've had this shakeup," Correa said. But "it's very painful what happened in Quito, and dangerous."

Since first being elected president in 2007, Correa has moved Ecuador into a leftist alliance with Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua and Bolivia.

He antagonized Britain and the United States by granting asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange at Ecuador's London embassy, and has clashed repeatedly with Washington, paring back military and diplomatic ties.

With Venezuela now beset with opposition street protests, Correa told reporters he was concerned about possible "governability" problems in Ecuador.

Rodas, a center-right lawyer, dismissed the notion that his election might lead to instability. "I will not stray from my objectives," he said.

The ruling party incumbent in the capital, Augusto Barrera, conceded defeat to Rodas, 39, who had a 20-point lead at 58 percent with a quarter of the votes tallied.

The elections were a surprising reversal for Correa, denting his aura of invincibility.

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US sidesteps German report on mass spying sweeps



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Monday declined to comment on claims that its spies are conducting sweeping surveillance of hundreds of prominent Germans, though it did not deny the reports.

The claims by a newspaper, following a transatlantic row over revelations that Washington's National Security Agency intercepted Chancellor Angela Merkel's communications, marked another test for wobbling US-German relations.

The National Security Council did not confirm or deny the reports in the Bild am Sonntag that Washington was eavesdropping on hundreds of key Germany figures, including a cabinet minister.

Spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden noted that US spy agencies

would continue to "gather information about the intentions of governments -- as opposed to ordinary citizens -- around the world, in the same way that the intelligence services of every other nation do."

"We will not apologize because our services may be more effective."

But she reiterated that in the wake of revelations by fugitive US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, President Barack Obama had ordered a halt to US surveillance on friendly foreign leaders.

Merkel reacted furiously to reports Washington had intercepted conversations on her cellphone, and US-German relations are currently enduring their rockiest period for a decade as a result.

The report out of Berlin

claimed that 320 political and business leaders in Germany were being monitored by the NSA, including Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere.

The paper quoted an unnamed senior US intelligence employee as saying US spies had been ordered not to allow the loss of intercepts on Merkel to hamper US information gathering.

The report sat awkwardly alongside an interview with German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, published in Spiegel magazine on Sunday, in which he expressed his belief that the United States had learned its lesson about spying on allied countries.

"Washington has hopefully understood that the type of contact with its partners can also have a political price," Spiegel quoted Steinmeier as saying in response to a question about US surveillance of Germans.

Steinmeier appeared to back away from a "no spying" agreement that Germany has been pushing for in the wake of the scandal, saying he was doubtful that it will "bring us much further".

Germany is especially sensitive to mass state spying on citizens due to memories of methods employed by the Stasi secret police in the former communist East.



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Ugandan president on gays: 'you can get worms'

ENTEBBE (AFP) - The mouth is made for eating and kissing, and gay oral sex will give you worms: Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni on Monday gave a detailed explanation of why he believed homosexuals should be jailed for life.

"I have failed to understand that you can fail to be attracted to all these beautiful women and be attracted to a man," the president told reporters as he signed off on controversial anti-gay legislation that includes life prison terms for repeat offenders.

"That is a really serious matter. There is something really wrong with you," he said.

Museveni, a devout evangelical Christian, said the only explanation for being gay was money.

"Homosexuals are actually mercenaries. They are heterosexual people but because of money they say they are homosexuals. These are prostitutes because of money," he said, asserting that he had taken the time to get scientific advice before signing off on the law.

"No study has shown you can be homosexual by nature," he said. "That man can choose to love a man... is a matter of choice. After listening to the scientists, I got the facts."

"Can somebody be homosexual simply by nature? The answer is no."

"One of the cultures that we detest is oral sex. The mouth is for picking food, not for sex. We know the address for sex. That address (the mouth) is not for sex," he said. "The mouth is for eating not for sex. The mouth is engineered for kissing."

As for gay oral sex, he said



the health risks were appalling.

"It is not healthy. You can contract STD (sexually transmitted diseases). You push the mouth there, you can come back with worms and they enter your stomach because that is a wrong address. You can also contract Hepatitis B," he said.

He said homosexuality in Uganda has been "provoked by the arrogant and careless Western groups that are coming in our schools and recruiting homosexuals into homosexuality and lesbianism".

"Initially I have not paid attention to it because I was busy with the immediate issues of defence, security, electricity, the roads," the president said.

"When finally, when I concentrated my mind on it, I distilled three problems: number one, those who are promoting homosexuality and recruiting normal people to it. Secondly, as a consequence of number one, many of those recruited, are doing so for mercenary reasons. To get money. In effect, homosexual prostitutes. These mercenary homosexual prostitutes have to be punished. Just like those who are recruiting them," he explained.

"Number three, homosexuals exhibiting themselves. Exhibition of homosexuals,

advertising yourself that you are homosexual."

Museveni warned critics of the law not to push the country on the matter.

"I advise friends from the West not to make this an issue because if they make it an issue the more they will lose," he said. "This is social imperialism. To impose social values of one group on our society."

"I would advise Western countries, this is a no-go area," he said. "I don't mind being in a collision course with the West. I am prepared."

Rare, polio-like disease found in California children



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A rare, polio-like syndrome that has no known cure has emerged in a small number of children in California, US researchers said Sunday.

Five cases of sudden onset paralysis were described by Stanford University experts at the American Academy of Neurology annual meeting in Philadelphia.

"Although poliovirus has been eradicated from most of the globe, other viruses can also injure the spine, leading to a polio-like syndrome," said Stanford neurologist and lead author of the case reports, Keith Van Haren.

"In the past decade, newly identified strains of enterovirus have been linked to polio-like outbreaks among children in Asia and Australia," he said in a statement.

"These five new cases highlight the possibility of an

emerging infectious polio-like syndrome in California."

Polio has been largely wiped out across the globe, thanks to the introduction of an effective vaccine in the mid 1950s.

However, outbreaks of the highly contagious disease continue in parts of the world, including Pakistan, Nigeria and Afghanistan.

The California children tested negative for polio, and all had been vaccinated.

The patients showed similar symptoms, such as sudden loss of movement in one or more of their limbs, resulting in paralysis usually within two days.

Three of the five youths had respiratory illness before their symptoms began.

Two have tested positive for enterovirus-68, a rare virus that has been previously associated with polio-like symptoms.

The other three did not test positive, and doctors are still searching for the cause of their paralysis.

"We would like to stress that this syndrome appears to be very, very rare," said Van Haren.

However, doctors believe there are likely more cases out there and are urging parents to contact a doctor right away if their child shows signs of paralysis.



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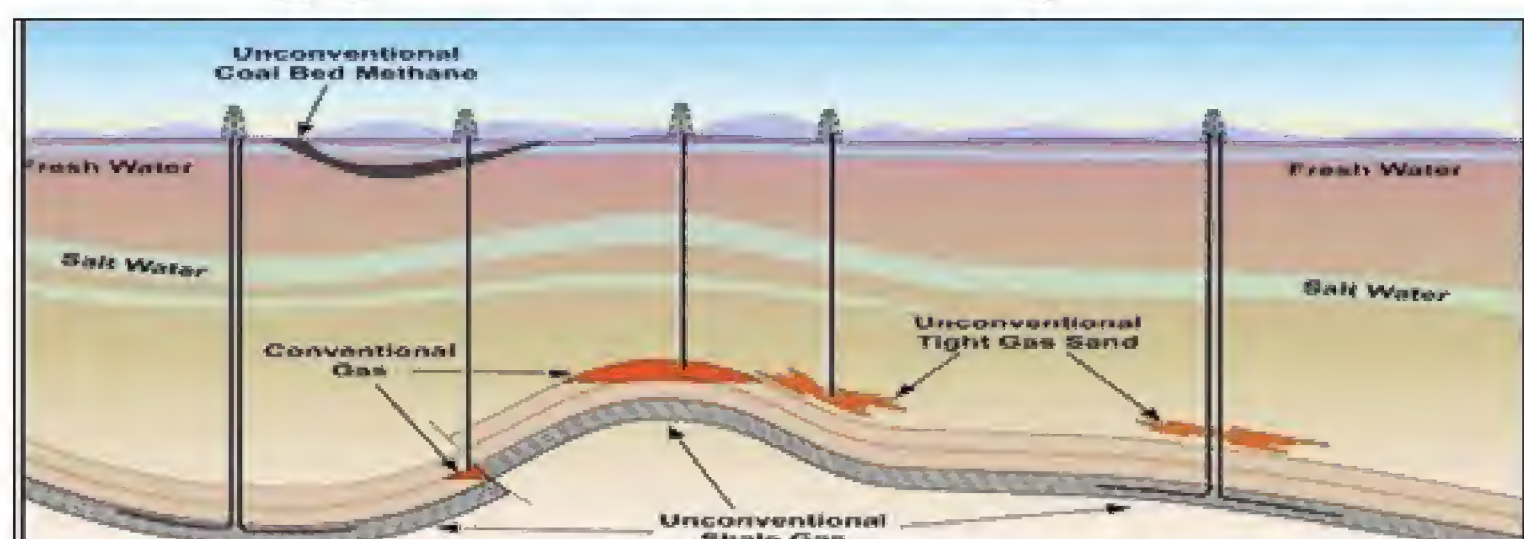
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GE to hike pro-environment energy research by \$10 bn



NEW YORK (AFP) - US industrial conglomerate General Electric said Monday it would boost spending on environmentally friendly energy research by \$10 billion by 2020, including on fracking technologies and wind turbines.

The new investment extends and builds on a research and development (R&D) program launched in 2005 aimed at finding technologies that reduce costs and environmental impacts for GE's customers and its own operations, the company said. GE said the new investment will support research in alternative technologies to replace water in hydraulic fracturing, known as "fracking", and improve wind turbine and power plant efficiencies.

The program, "ecomagination", has already generated more than \$160 billion in revenue, and reduced GE's greenhouse gas emissions and freshwater use, said the company, whose wide portfolio of

products includes aircraft engines, power plants, geospatial systems and household appliances. GE has invested \$12 billion to date of its \$15 billion commitment on the R&D program through 2015.

Jeff Immelt, GE chairman and chief executive, said the now \$25 billion program was one of the conglomerate's most successful cross-company business initiatives.

GE announced two new R&D projects in the natural gas sector, where fracking -- the use of pressurized liquids to create fissures in rocks to release gas and oil -- has significantly raised production as well as environmental concerns. GE said it had teamed up with Norwegian oil giant Statoil to look into whether carbon dioxide would be suitable for large-scale use as an alternative to water, potentially reducing the large amounts of water needed for fracking. CO2 is currently used for some fracking but is

a high-cost option.

"The goal of GE and Statoil's new research collaboration is to evaluate whether a system can be designed to capture CO2 produced from emissions; reuse the CO2 to fracture rock formations; and then capture it again for re-use on the next well," the Norwalk, Connecticut-based company said. In the second project, GE is working with Canadian company Ferus to capture natural gas that operators flare off from new oil and gas wells in remote areas because of a lack of infrastructure to economically capture and transport it.

GE and Ferus are capturing the natural gas and removing natural gas liquids, such as propane and butane, which are then sold. The remaining methane is compressed, stored and then used to power operations on remote wells, GE said.

Dow member GE shares were up 1.2 percent at \$25.23 in early trade.

Nokia's 3 new Android-powered smartphones



NEW YORK - Although Nokia will soon be acquired by Microsoft, the company announced a triad of Android-powered smartphones Monday. Nokia's new phones, the Nokia X, Nokia X+ and the Nokia XL are powered by Qualcomm's 1GHz Snapdragon dual core processor, are Dual SIM and feature a Lumia-style design with a myriad of color choices. The operating system of the phones is a modified version of Android's Jelly Bean, and the home screen looks similar to Windows Phone. The devices will not have access to Google's Play store but instead third-party app stores and Nokia's app store of its own.



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Asian shares lower despite G20 growth pledge

HONG KONG (AFP) - Asian stock markets lost ground on Monday, with investors little moved by the G20's weekend commitment to boost global growth by \$2 trillion over five years.

After a weak lead from Wall Street Friday, markets were looking to a string of US data in the week ahead for clues about the health of the world's largest economy, with figures due out on housing, consumer confidence and GDP growth.

In Tokyo the benchmark Nikkei-225 index fell 0.19 percent, or 27.99 points, to close at 14,837.68. Seoul lost 0.45 percent, or 8.78 points, to end at 1,949.05 and Sydney closed a marginal 0.03 percent, or 1.5 points, higher at 5,440.2.

Hong Kong shares fell 0.80 percent, or 179.68 points, to end at 22,388.56. On the Chinese mainland, shares extended losses on worries about possible tightening of credit to the property sector.

Shanghai dropped 1.75 per-

cent, or 37.00 points, to close at 2,076.69. The Shenzhen Composite Index, which tracks stocks on China's second exchange, narrowed earlier losses to close down 0.07 percent, or 0.82 points, at 1,134.19.

China's domestic banks have recently tightened lending to the real estate sector, state media said last week, although the four biggest state banks on Monday denied any such moves.

Official data released Monday also showed fewer cities, 62 out of 70 tracked, recorded month-on-month increases in new home prices in January, down from 65 in December.

Analysts said fears were overblown.

"The (property) market doesn't have any structural risks and the government wouldn't clamp down too tightly on an area so important for China's economy," United Securities analyst Pei Xiaoyan told Dow Jones Newswires.

- G20 targets growth -

The world's biggest economies vowed Sunday to boost global growth by more than \$2 trillion over five years, shifting their focus away from austerity as a fragile recovery takes hold.

The G20 members said they aim to lift their collective GDP by more than two percentage points over the next five years.

However, investors appeared to be focusing more on the forthcoming US figures, as analysts suggested the data may disappoint.

US February consumer confidence figures are due to be released on Tuesday, followed by data showing durable goods orders and initial jobless claims on Thursday. On Friday, the final estimate for fourth-quarter US gross domestic product is out.

"It is possible that data to be released this week could come out lower than expected. Caution is needed over continued worries about the possibility of a US slowdown," Tsuyoshi Nomaguchi, a senior strategist at Daiwa Securities, said in a note to clients.

Nomaguchi said the US market could receive support from investors hopeful that weak data could encourage the US Federal Reserve to continue its zero interest rate policy.

Japan will also publish a string of other data, including key inflation figures, on Friday.

Facebook's Zuckerberg: WhatsApp worth over \$19 bn

BARCELONA (AFP) - Billionaire Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg on Monday defended his huge \$19 billion takeover of free mobile messaging service WhatsApp, saying it is actually worth much more.

The 29-year-old Facebook chief announced the stock and cash purchase on Wednesday, a deal that marries his social network of 1.2 billion active users with WhatsApp's 450 million users.

Asked about the price tag during an on-stage discussion at the February 24-27 Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, Zuckerberg said WhatsApp was attractive as a company by itself, and as a strategic fit with Facebook.

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Global banking group: The Ukraine needs money now

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Ukraine needs outside aid immediately to avoid a collapse of its financial system and economy, a world banking group said yesterday.

"In order to avoid a complete collapse in the coming, I won't say month, even weeks, Ukraine needs money now," said Lubomir Mitov, chief economist for emerging Europe at the International Institute of Finance (IIF), which represents some 450 major banks around the world.

"The economic challenges are just formidable... The state coffers are empty," he told journalists.

With finance chiefs from Europe, the United States and the International Monetary Fund discussing how to help the country past its political turmoil, Mitov argued that there is little time.

Customers are already pulling money out of the banks, which lost three to four percent of their deposits in the first two weeks of February, he said.

The risks of a run on the banks "are real," he stressed.

Ukraine's new leaders, taking control after ousting president Viktor Yanukovich, called on the West Monday to help the country raise \$35 billion to stave off default on its debts.

According to the IIF, the country's foreign reserves have fallen to \$12 billion from \$16 billion at the end of January. Meanwhile the country faces debt payments of \$25 billion just this year.

"The fiscal situation is so desperate that the only way for the government to pay pensions and wages is to print money," Mitov said.

But that will add to inflation

and send the hryvnia, the Ukraine's currency, tumbling further.

The IIF said Ukraine has little choice but to accept the conditions for reforms that will be required by the European Union and the IMF in exchange for emergency financial support.

Such reforms, already suggested, include doubling the local price of natural gas and slashing the country's fiscal deficit.

"These are very painful reforms that require a lot of political will and popular support that seems to be lacking at this time," Mitov said.

But if the country does act on such reforms, it might end up needing much less money to stabilize its finances, around \$20 billion, he said. Another \$5 billion will be needed to shore up the banks.

The Ukraine's new authorities called on the West yesterday to urgently organise a financial rescue for their listing economy, saying they need \$35 billion to stave off default, while jilted Russia threatened economic punishment.



A fisherman prepares for a fishing trip in La Libertad, 35 km south of San Salvador, El Salvador. The fishing industry has grown some 45 percent in the last 15 years in Central America.



Picture above shows bananas on sale at a market in London on February 23, 2014. According to the British Fairtrade organization the UK consumes over five billion bananas each year. The price of a banana in the UK has almost halved due to supermarket pricing wars, they say. Yesterday the organisation has started a campaign in London to try to end this war that causes producers in mostly Latin American countries to sell bananas at a price that can be even below production cost, with dire economic consequences for those farmers.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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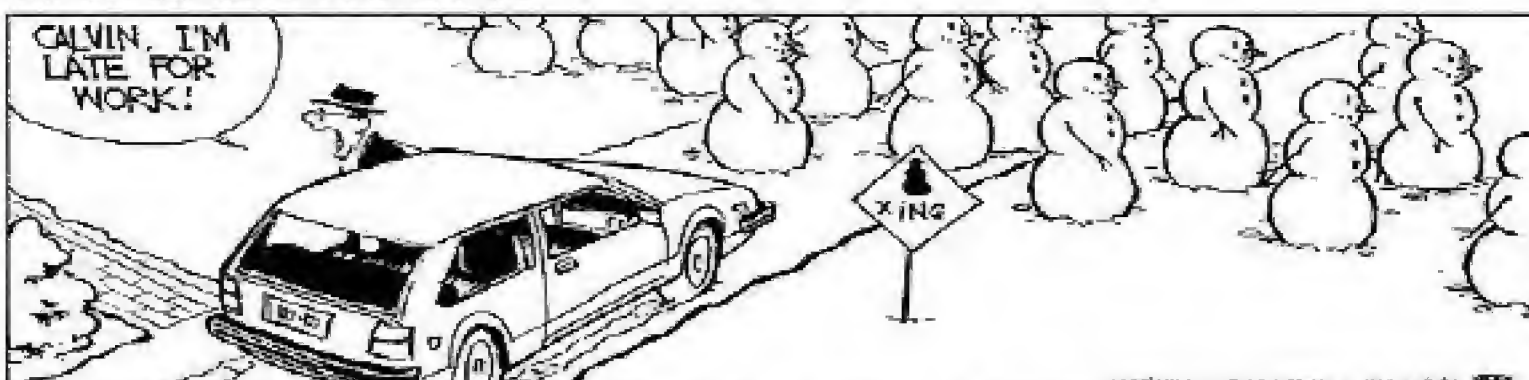
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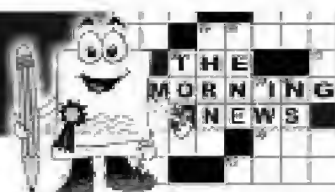
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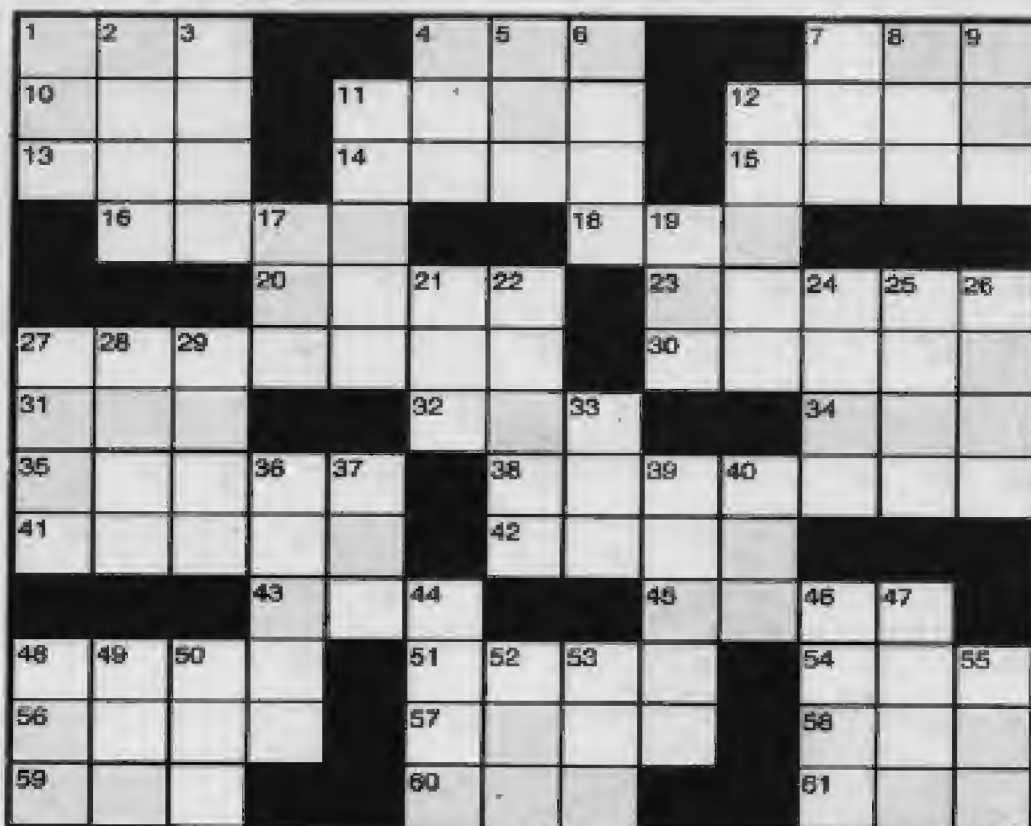


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12. Prophet
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15. Cable choice (abbr.)
16. Versailles bachelorette (abbr.)
18. Mink or sable
20. Author Harte
23. Agreements
27. Expedition to the Holy Land
30. Reel
31. Poet's "over"
32. Strike lightly
34. One ___ kind (2 wds.)
35. Volcanic material
38. Physical examination
41. Cry like a sheep
42. Tanner's material
43. Cut branches
45. Charged



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| 56. Slant | 11. "Aida," for one | 40. Company exec (abbr.) |
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| 58. Irritate | 17. Pounds (abbr.) | 46. Mark Harmon TV show |
| 59. Bull's mate | 19. Delivery option (abbr.) | 47. Forefather |
| 60. Install flooring | 21. NYC summer setting | 48. Phone's #2 |
| 61. Poseidon's realm | 22. Impart knowledge | 49. AFL's partner |
| | 24. Use the oven | 50. Cold and wet, as weather |
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| | 27. Search systematically | 55. Alias initials |
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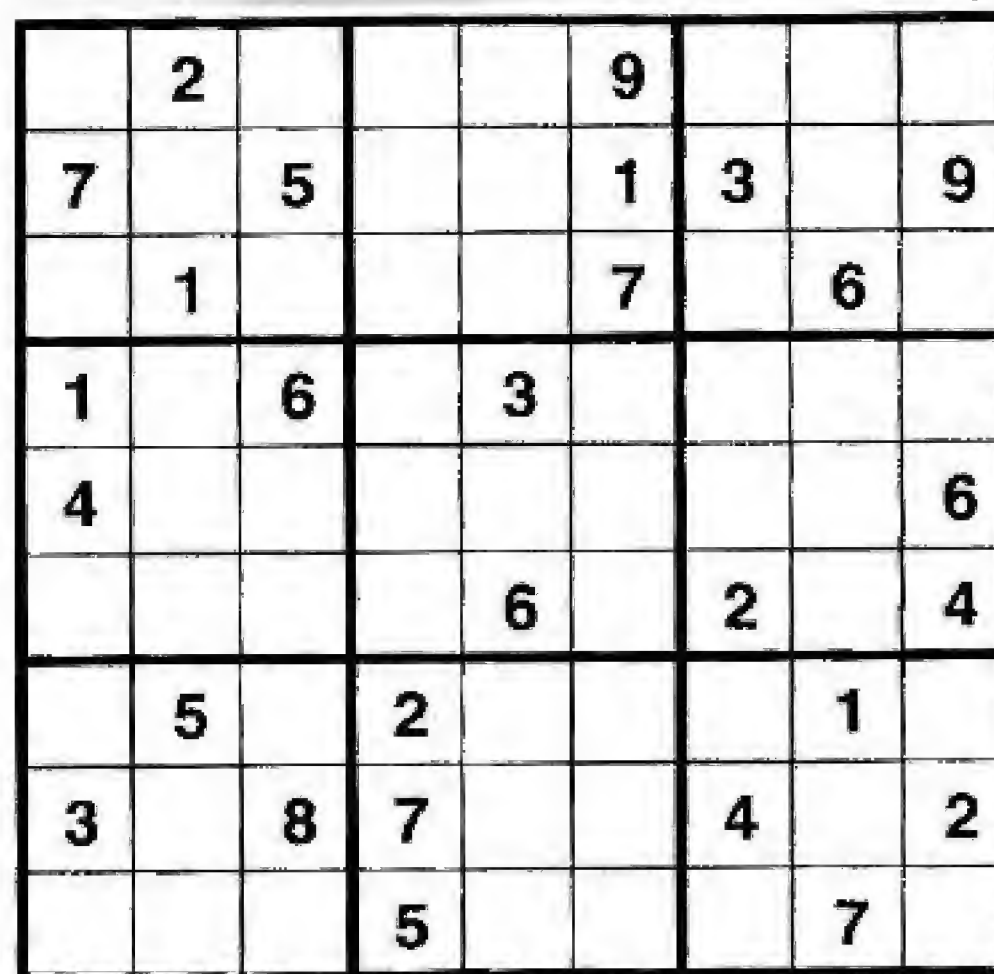
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dise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. The couple's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what they really want has resulted in a unique menu from an internationally known franchise with a "5", which now includes breakfast.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," believes Aaron. Upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8am, patrons can now order 2

eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

A glance at their burger menu will certainly tempt you to return for lunch or dinner, to sample their famous specialty items such as the Gouda, Farmer's or Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice

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Golf: Larrazabal and Olesen get EurAsia Cup callup

PARIS (AFP) - European team captain Miguel Angel Jiménez has chosen Pablo Larrazabal and Thorbjørn Olesen as his two wildcard picks for the side to take on Asia in next month's EurAsia Cup.

The Spaniard and the Dane will join the eight automatic qualifiers as the Europeans take on an Asian Team led by Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee at the Glenmarie Golf and Country Club in Kuala Lumpur from March 27-29.

Larrazabal impressed Jiménez with his big win at the start of the 2014 season in Abu Dhabi, topping a field that also included Rory McIlroy and Phil Mickelson.

Olesen played alongside Jiménez for the first two rounds of the Dubai Desert Classic three weeks ago and the 24-year-old clearly impressed en route to a fifth-place finish, having earned a tie for third spot the previous week at the Qatar Masters.

Larrazabal and Olesen join Thomas Bjørn, Jamie Donaldson, Victor Dubuisson, Gonzalo Fernandez-Castaño, Stephen Gallacher, Joost Luiten, Graeme McDowell and playing captain Jiménez himself, in the European team.

"I am delighted that both Pablo and Thorbjørn have accepted the chance to join the team," said Jiménez. "They are



both extremely talented players and they will definitely bring excitement and flair to the match," Jiménez said.

"Both boys have made great starts to 2014. Pablo's victory

in Abu Dhabi was very impressive. To shoot 67 in the final to hold off players like McIlroy and Mickelson was a fantastic achievement and shows the quality he has."

Collins takes court as first openly gay NBA player

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Jason Collins took another trailblazing step as the first openly gay man in a major US pro sports league Sunday when he took the court for the NBA's Brooklyn Nets.

Hours after the Nets inked Collins to a 10-day contract, he came in as a substitute in the second quarter of the Nets' game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

It was the 13-year NBA veteran's first appearance in the



league since he went public in April about his homosexuality, a revelation that came after his contract with the Washington Wizards expired.

Facing a bevy of media at the Staples Center before the game, Collins said his biggest immediate concern was proving he still belonged in the league.

As part of a sports world still perceived as hostile to homosexuality, Collins drew praise for his courage in coming out as gay by US President Barack Obama, former president Bill Clinton and many players in the NBA.

Barca pays out 13.5m euros over Neymar transfer



MADRID (AFP) - Spanish football champions Barcelona said Monday it would make a voluntary tax payment of 13.5 million euros over the club's signing of Brazilian star striker Neymar but denied tax fraud. Judge Pablo Ruz at Madrid's National Court indicted the Catalan giants on Thursday after seeing "sufficient evidence to investigate a possible crime against the public treasury" over the 86-million-euro (\$118-million) transfer of Neymar from Brazilian club Santos. He sought to establish whether or not Neymar, who joined Barcelona in May 2013, was counted as a taxpayer in Spain or his native Brazil that year. Barcelona, currently trailing Real Madrid in La Liga by three points, said the club would still "present a legal defence in the case opened against it" and assured fans it has "always acted within the law." State prosecutors have alleged that Barcelona owe the taxman nine million euros. Including the potential fine, this brought the total to the paid-out 13.5 million euros.

Rooney yearns for more Champions League glory



PIRAEUS (AFP) - Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney has admitted that he will not be satisfied if he finishes his career without lifting the Champions League trophy again. Rooney, who signed a new five-and-a-half-year contract earlier this week, tasted glory in the competition with United in 2008, before finishing on the losing side in the final against Barcelona in 2009 and 2011. United have not looked like potential European champions this season, falling 15 points off the pace in the Premier League and crashing out of both domestic cup competitions, but Rooney says that their objectives remain the same.

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MLB: New rule on home-plate collisions put into effect

Regulation to reduce injuries on scoring plays to be on experimental basis in 2014

NEW YORK - Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association announced Monday the addition of Rule 7.13, covering collisions at home plate, on an experimental basis for the 2014 season.

In 2014, the rule being implemented by MLB and the MLBPA will prohibit the most egregious collisions at home plate. The new experimental rule sets forth that:

- A runner attempting to score may not deviate from his direct pathway to the plate in order to initiate contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate). If, in the judgment of the umpire, a runner attempting to score initiates contact with the catcher (or other player covering home plate) in such a manner, the umpire shall declare the runner out, even if the player covering home plate loses possession of the ball.

• Unless the catcher is in possession of the ball, the catcher cannot block the pathway of a runner as he is attempting to score. If, in the judgment of the umpire, the catcher, without possession of the ball, blocks the pathway of the runner, the umpire shall call or signal the runner safe.

In determining whether a runner deviated from his pathway in order to initiate a collision, the umpire will consider whether the runner made an effort to touch the plate, and whether he lowered his shoulders or pushed through with his hands, elbows or arms when veering toward the catcher. The rule that will be in effect in 2014 does not mandate that the runner always slide or that the catcher can never block the plate. However, runners who slide, and

catchers who provide the runner with a lane to reach the plate, will never be found to be in violation of the new rule. Beginning immediately, clubs will be required to train their runners to slide and their catchers to provide the runner with a pathway to reach the plate at all levels in their organizations.

MLB will distribute training materials throughout Spring Training and discussions on the new rule, including the re-training of catchers and baserunners, will be held during MLB's meetings with managers in the weeks ahead. Additionally, MLB and the MLBPA will form a committee of players and managers to review developments as the season progresses and to discuss the possible application of the new rule in 2015.

Finally, instant replay will be available to review potential violations of Rule 7.13. The umpire crew chief will have discretion to invoke the use of instant replay in order to determine whether Rule 7.13 was violated.

Yankees, Brett Gardner agree to deal



Team A — The Yankees announced Sunday that they had signed Gardner, 30, to a four-year contract extension worth \$50 million, with a club option for a fifth year. A \$2 million buyout clause if the Yankees decide not to exercise the option brings the

total value of the deal to \$52 million. Gardner does not have a no-trade clause, but the Yankees are obligated to pay him an additional bonus of \$1 million in the event they do trade him. Gardner is a career .268 hitter who tied for the AL lead in stolen bases, 49, with Coco Crisp in 2011.

Euro 2016 qualifying draw

Euro 2016 Championship will be held in France from June 10-July 10, 2016



The top two teams in each group will qualify for the finals in France along with the best third-placed side. The remaining eight third-placed teams will play off in November 2015 for the final four berths. First game for the opening round is on Sunday, September 7, 2014

Group A: Netherlands, Czech Republic, Turkey, Latvia, Iceland, Kazakhstan
Group B: Bosnia-Herzegovina, Belgium, Israel, Wales, Cyprus, Andorra
Group C: Spain, Ukraine, Slovakia, Belarus, Macedonia, Luxembourg
Group D: Germany, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Georgia, Gibraltar
Group E: England, Switzerland, Slovenia, Estonia, Lithuania, San Marino

Group F: Greece, Hungary, Romania, Finland, Northern Ireland, Faroe Islands
Group G: Russia, Sweden, Austria, Montenegro, Moldova, Liechtenstein
Group H: Italy, Croatia, Norway, Bulgaria, Azerbaijan, Malta
Group I: Portugal, Denmark, Serbia, Armenia, Albania (Hosts France, already qualified, will complete the group but their results will not count)

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Bayern set to be confirmed champions in March

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich are on course to break yet another Bundesliga record by being crowned German champions in March after opening a 19-point lead at the top of the table.

The European champions' 4-0 win at Hanover 96 on Sunday extended their record unbeaten league run to 47 matches and was their 14th consecutive Bundesliga victory, just one short of their own league record set in 2005.

If Bayern maintain their massive points lead, they will have their 24th German league title confirmed at the latest by March 29 when they host Hoffenheim at Munich's Allianz Arena.

Bayern won last season's title in April with a record six games to spare, a mark the current team is on course to at least equal, but no team has ever been confirmed as Bundesliga champions in March.

Bayern can even extend their points lead as they face top five sides Schalke, Wolfsburg and Leverkusen in the coming weeks.

Having broken or equalled 25 Bundesliga records last season when they won the title by 25 points, Pep Guardiola's team are set to send more best marks tumbling, such as the fewest goals conceded (18) having only leaked nine so far.

Having won 14 titles in four years as Barcelona coach, Guardiola is determined Bayern will defend their Bundesliga title and maintain their appetite for the domestic league.

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Female driver Wolff aims for Grand Prix spot

LONDON (AFP) - Susie Wolff has set her sights on driving in a Grand Prix after it was announced on Monday she would become the first woman in 22 years to take part in a Formula One event of any kind.

Already a development driver with British team Williams, Wolff's expanded role will see the 31-year-old Scot take part in the first practice sessions ahead of both the British and German Grands Prix in July.

Not since Giovanna Amati, who failed to qualify in the 1992 Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos for Brabham, has a woman driven a Formula One car over the course of a race weekend.

Now Wolff hopes her knowledge of the tracks at Silverstone and Hockenheim will help in the quest to join the likes of world champion Sebastian Vettel and Fernando Alonso on a race-day grid.

"I've driven the car at Silverstone (in a test) last year



so I have a bit of experience with the track, and Hockenheim I know well from my time in German touring cars," said Wolff.

"If you can take part in the Friday practice sessions, then of course you have to be looking at doing an actual race."

Wolff is aiming to do what only two women have done before her, with Italy's Maria Teresa di Filippis, who raced for Maserati three times in 1958, and Lella Lombardi,

who took part in 12 races in the 1970s, the only female drivers to have so far competed in Formula One Grand Prix races.

Wolff, who joined Williams in 2012, added: "I've been made aware of the history of it, but more importantly for me is that we've done it in a chronological way."

Williams' chief technical officer Pat Symonds said there was nothing 'tokenistic' about Wolff's latest role with the team.